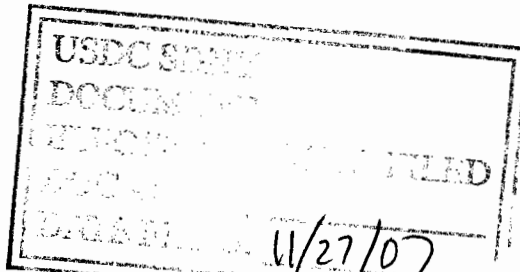
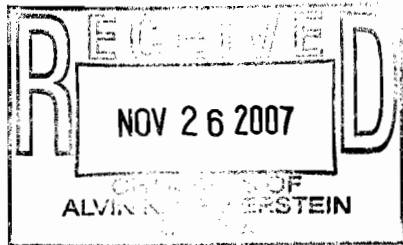


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Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein
U.S. District Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St., Room 1050
New York, NY 10007

Re: Weeks Marine, Inc. v. Bridgestone Corp., et al., 07-cv-6811 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

This action was initially filed on July 27, 2007 against 17 Defendants, including several foreign corporations and eight individuals. On October 23, 2007, all proceedings in this matter were stayed pending the decision of the Multidistrict Litigation Panel, which is scheduled to hear oral argument on November 29, 2007. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), Plaintiffs have 120 days after the filing of the Complaint – or until November 26, 2007 – to effect service of the Summons and Complaint on Defendants within a judicial district of the United States. As of November 20, 2007, all but two of the Defendants within a judicial district of the United States have been served with the Summons and Complaint. The two Defendants who have yet to be served are Peter Whittle and Jacques Cognard.¹

¹ Other than Mr. Whittle and Mr. Cognard, the only remaining Defendant to be served is Bridgestone Corporation, service for which is currently proceeding through the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Plaintiffs have made myriad attempts to serve each Defendant, and continue to make all efforts to serve both Mr. Whittle and Mr. Cognard in as timely a manner as possible. Plaintiffs thus hereby request that the Court extend the time permitted to serve Mr. Whittle and Mr. Cognard with the Summons and Complaint until February 1, 2008.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Seth R. Gassman

cc: All Counsel of Record (via U.S. Mail)